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TECHNICAL GUIDE

NOTICE #216 (electronic)

Purpose: To transmit information regarding the electronic NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

Effective Date: This notice is effective upon receipt.

Notice of Changes:

SECTION I: General Resource References

Reference Lists

Irrigation and Drainage Guides

The web link for the National Water and Climate Center Irrigation Page has been updated.

Urban Conservation

The Illinois Urban Manual is no longer available online. The web link and folder have been deleted.

Michigan Technical Notes

The following Michigan Technical Note has been created to support the updated Prescribed Grazing (528) practice standard:

Grazing # 3: Designing a Prescribed Grazing System

Technical questions should be directed to Betsy Dierberger, Grassland/Forage Specialist, at (517) 324-5265.

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

SECTION II: Natural Resources Information

Rose Lake Plant Material Center

Introduction to PMC Technical Material

Rose Lake Plant Materials Center

This is an update to the Rose Lake PMC informational brochure. It includes updates on the projects and emphases of the PMC and has updated contact information.

PMC Collections/Studies/Forms

The Ash Seed Collection form has been updated.

PMC Releases – General PMC Releases

Plant Releases Available to Commercial Growers 2009

This is an update to the brochure for releases from the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center. It includes all new releases that have been made since the previous edition of that brochure.

PMC Releases – Legumes

Alcona Germplasm Dillenius' Tick-Trefoil

Alcona Germplasm Dillenius' Tick-Trefoil is a recent release from the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center. Alcona Germplasm is a perennial native legume that was originally collected in Alcona County, Michigan. It is intended for use in wildlife food plots, as seed from *Desmodium* species is used as a food source by several upland game birds and songbirds. Alcona Germplasm is also an excellent deer browse.

Grant Germplasm Panicleleaf Tick-Trefoil

Grant Germplasm Panicleleaf Tick-Trefoil is a recent release from the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center. Grant Germplasm is a perennial native legume that was originally collected in Grant County, Wisconsin. It is intended for use in wildlife food plots, as seed from *Desmodium* species is used as a food source by several upland game birds and songbirds. Grant Germplasm is also an excellent deer browse.

PMC Releases – Trees

'Roselow' Sargent Crabapple

This is an update to the brochure for 'Roselow' Sargent Crabapple.

PMC Technology Development

Five Keys to Successful Grass Seeding in Michigan

This is an update to the Five Keys to Successful Grass Seeding in Michigan. It includes updates to the seeding rate tables and discussion on fertility management.

Technical questions should be directed to John Leif, Plant Materials Center Manager, at (517) 641-6300.

SECTION IV: Practice Standards and Specifications

Practice Standards

The Practice Standard, Statement of Work and Conservation Sheet have been updated for the following:

Prescribed Grazing (528) (Ac.)

The practice was updated to reflect the new national practice standard. Significant changes to the practice standard include rewording the definition to include grazing and/or browsing animals and a new purpose for fine fuel load management has been added. The criteria on grazing deferment has been defined, the use of forestland where grazing is not the primary concern has been excluded, and reference links to other conservation practice standards reflect recent changes.

The conservation sheet includes new forage management tables. The design section includes the items required in a written grazing plan as found in the updated standard. An implementation checklist has been added.

The statement of work has been updated to reflect the changes in the standard.

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Questions regarding eFOTG content management should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.



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